

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 581

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A RESOLUTION relative to reducing Medicare benefits.

WHEREAS, large majorities of Americans want to address the federal deficit in a way that preserves Medicare and Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare program reflects the Nation's commitment to the health and independence of older Americans and Americans with disabilities by providing health care coverage to 42 million people; and

WHEREAS, Medicare safeguards beneficiaries and their families from the ruinous costs of medical treatments and prevents individuals from spending unmanageable proportions of their incomes on medical care or being pushed into poverty by their medical bills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is the sense of this General Assembly that:

- (1) Any deficit reduction plan approved by the United States Congress should not balance the federal budget by eroding America's hard-earned retirement plan and social safety net; and
- (2) Medicare's ability to deliver high quality health care in a cost-efficient manner should be strengthened and its benefits should be preserved for current and future retirees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.